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SUBJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: SUMMARY OF IMPLEMENTATION
PLAN AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN ARGENTINA

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1. ENHANCED OBSERVATION OF PERSONAL RIGHTS.
WE ARE PURSUING THIS PRIMARY OBJECTIVE
BY APPLYING VARIOUS KINDS OF PRESSURES, THE HARD
CORE OF WHICH CONSISTS OF: A SANCTIONS POLICY OF
DENYING MILITARY AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS; A STEADY
DRUMBEAT OF FACT FINDING MISSIONS FROM THE US;
AND A SYSTEMATIZED, CONTINUOUS ROUND OF OFFICIAL
INFORMAL INQUIRIES TO THE GOA CONCERNING MYRIAD
INDIVIDUAL HUMAN RIGHTS CASES. THE AMBASSADOR
AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE MISSION "JAWBONE"
CONTINUOUSLY WITH MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT
AUTHORITIES AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL ABOUT THE
BROADER ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM. WE MAINTAIN
CLOSE LIAISON WITH LEGITIMATE ARGENTINE HUMAN
RIGHTS GROUPS AND THE CHURCH AND ENCOURAGE THE SUPPORT OF
OTHER DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS; AND WE USE COMMUNICATIONS AND CU
ASSETS EXTENSIVELY IN SUPPORT OF THE OBJECTIVE.

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OUR ACHIEVEMENTS ARE MIXED. WE HAVE BECOME THE SYMBOLIC
BEACON OF HOPE FOR THE AFFLICTED AND WE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY
DISASSOCIATED OURSELVES FROM THE REGIMES IMAGE. THE REGIME
UNDERSTANDS OUR POLICY, IS CONCERNED, AND HAS REACTED
POSITIVELY ON THE RELATIVELY EASIER ISSUES RELEATED TO THE STATUS
OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, ALBEIT AFTER AN ENORMOUS EFFORT OF
PERSUASION WITHIN MILITARY COUNCILS. HOWEVER, THE CORE ISSUES

OR REESTABLISHING REGULAR CRIMINAL PROCEDURES AS THE VEHICLE TO DEAL WITH SUBVERSION AND FACING THE DISAPPEARANCE ISSUE REMAIN. PURSUIT OF OUR RIGHTS OBJECTIVES THROUGH A SANCTIONS APPROACH HAS CREATED COSTS IN TERMS OF OTHER MAJOR OBJECTIVES, PARTICULARLY V. AND VII.

2. RETURN TO DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. WE MAINTAIN AN EXTENSIVE DIALOGUE WITH POLITICAL PARTY AND LABOR LEADERS, ENCOURAGING THEM TO PRESENT TO THE GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS FOR PAVING THE WAY FOR REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT. WE DO THIS, HOWEVER, FULLY UNDERSTANDING THAT A RETURN TO DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS WILL TAKE YEARS TO ACCOMPLISH. IN THE LABOR FIELD, WE HAVE HAD A SERIES OF SOLIDARITY VISITS AND AN AIFLD PRESENCE IS ABOUT TO BE CREATED.

3. ARGENTINE SUPPORT FOR OUR NUCLEAR NON PROLIFERATION ARMS CONTROL POLICIES. A MAJOR APPROACH--JUST GETTING UNDERWAY-- IS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A MULTIPHASED UNDERSTANDING ENCOMPASSING INCREASED US COOPERATION TO ARGENTINA IN RETURN FOR MEETING OUR OBJECTIVES. THE PROBLEMS THAT ARE EMERGING IN TERMS OF FULFILLING TIS OBJECTIVE ARE JUST AS COMPLEX AS THOSE INVOLVED IN OUR HUMAN RIGHTS OBJECTIVE. A DETERIORATION IN RELATIONS RESULTING FROM IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY COULD FURTHER COMPLICATE ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS GOAL.

4. STRENGTHEN ECONOMIC RELATIONS. WE ARE SEEKING TO FULFILL
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THIS CLUSTER OF OBJECTIVES THROUGH AGGRESSIVE IMPELMENTATION OF OUR COUNTRY COMMERCIAL PROGRAM. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO BE RESPONSIVE TO ARGENTINE NEEDS THROUGH A MIXED COMMISSION REACTIVATED FOR DEALING WITH BILATERAL PROBLEMS. SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE RECENT PAST INCLUDE THE NEGOTIATION OF AN ADVANTAGEOUS BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT, THE PASSAGE OF A FAVORABLE FOREIGN INVESTMENT LAW BY THE GAO AND GOVERNMENT PROGRESS TOWARD LETTING PETROLEUM RISK CONTRACTS WITH FOREIGN FIRMS.

5. A SATISFACTORY BILATERAL SECURITY RELATIONSHIP WHICH PROMOTES US SECURITY INTERESTS. THESE INTERESTS ARE BEING SACRIFICED IN THE ATTEMPT TO FURTHER OUR PRIMARY HUMAN RIGHTS OBJECTIVES. HOW TO PURSUE THESE CONFLICTING GOALS SIMULTANEOUSLY IS AN UNRESOLVED ISSUE. THE PROSPECT FOR THE COMING YEAR, GIVEN PENDING LEGISLATION AND THE LACK OF STAISFACTORY PROGRESS ON THE GOA SIDE, IS FOR FURTHER DETERIORATION.

6. INCREASED COOPERATION ON MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ISSUES. WE CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE ARGENTINE SUPPORT FOR OUR POSITIONS. THIS GOVERNMENT IS NOT AS SUPPORTIVE OF

G-77 AIMS AS ITS PREDECESSOR, BUT IT OPERATES AGAINST US ON HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS IN MULTILATERAL FORA.

7. ENHANCE BILATERAL COMMUNICATION AND LINKAGES. THIS POST RELIES HEAVILY ON COMMUNICATIONS EXCHANGE AND CULTURAL RESOURCES TO SUPPORT MOST OBJECTIVES, PARTICULARLY GOALS 1 AND 2. THESE ARE IMPORTANT TOOLS AND WE REQUIRE INCREASED FUNDING TO STRENGTHEN THE EFFORT.

8. NARCOTICS CONTROL. WITH DEA COOPERATION, GOA IS DEMONSTRATING INCREASING INTEREST AND EFFECTIVENESS IN THIS AREA AND DEA CONTINUES TO COOPERATE CLOSELY IN ENFORCEMENT WITH ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES.

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9. CONSULAR CONVENTION. WE WILL INITIATE NEGOTIATIONS WHEN AUTHORIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT.
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